THE VETERANS' COLUMN.

The important question of whether there shall be a Grand Army Day this year, and if so, the manner of the celebration, will be decided on Saturday, July 19.

The Executive Committee met yesterday in City Hall and decided on that date at 3:30 P. M. as the time of the assembling of the General Committee. Common Council Chamber was fixed upon as the place. The Secretary was directed to request the post commanders to have the delegates from the different posts instructed on the important matter. Little else of importance was done at the meeting yesterday. A lot of routine business was cleared up. The final meeting of the Executive Committee will be held into the afternoon, just previous to the meeting of the General Committee on Saturday, July 19.

Dedication of Excelsior Monument.

Department Commander Denniston last week received from Secretary John N. Coyne, of the Excelsior Brigade Association, a communication stating that it would be necessary to postpone the dedication of the association's monument on the Gettysburg battlefield on account of the pressure of business being so heavy just now on Commander Daniel E. Sickles, who is sheriff of New York, that he is prevented from completing the arrangements. The monument was to have been dedicated early in July. Major Denniston was also asked his views in regard to a good time for the dedication. He wrote back to Secretary Coyne suggesting that a good time for holding the dedicatory services would be while the Pennsylvania Department will be holding the annual encampment at Gettysburg from August 30 to September 6. Most of the Excelsior Brigade comrades live in New York but quite a number reside in Western Pennsylvania and many of these will be at the annual encampment. Department Commander Denniston's plan is to set aside one day of the encampment as "Excelsior Day," and the meeting of the old brigade and dedication of the monument to take place on that day. One of the encampment days has already been set aside as "Pennsylvania Reserve Day," and on this day all the monuments erected by the Reserve regiments will be dedicated. Major Denniston hopes this plan will meet with the approval of the other members. When the final arrangements have been made, announcements will be made by circular.

The Campfire at Mercer.

Large numbers of comrades from towns surrounding Mercer attended the open meeting and campfire there on Friday night, and the affair was a grand success. The meeting was under the auspices of Post 169, of Mercer, and was held in the court house. Department Commander Denniston was present, and was accorded a flattering reception. Speeches and music held sway all evening, and everybody was well pleased. Colonel O. L. Jackson spoke on the "Grand Army of the Republic." "The President" was the subject of Rev. T. L. Flood's remarks. "Pensions" was treated of by Hon. C. C. Townsend. Department Commander Denniston's subject was "The Veterans." "The Private Soldier" had honor heaped upon him by Hon. John J. Henderson, and the gallant Major Alexander McDowell, paid high tribute to "The Ladies." Hon. Henry Hall spoke of "Our Guests." The speeches were interspersed with music by the Mercer Quartet and solos by Miss Jean Glenn and Alice Armstrong. The affair was enjoyable throughout.

Women's Relief Corps Reunion.

A reunion of the Women's Relief Corps of Pennsylvania will be held at Brookville next Friday, the exercises being held in the Pennsylvania Memorial Home established by the organization. A train carrying many of the ladies of the order from this vicinity, Grand Army men and others will leave the city at 8:30 Friday morning. All Grand Army men are invited by the organization to attend the reunion.

A number of the most prominent members of the order will be present, including Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, National President, and Mrs. Abbie Lynch, National Secretary. The home has been open now for about six months and several old veterans and their wives have been received within its friendly walls. It is expected that several prominent members of the Grand Army will be present on Friday.

Scattering Shots.

COMRADE TAYLOR TURNER was elected Chaplain of Post 157 last Thursday evening.

THE matter of Post 151's annual picnic will be brought up at the post's meeting next Tuesday.

COMRADE JOHN WRIGHT, a member of Post 3, died yesterday at his residence, 2123 Liberty avenue.

COMRADE J. B. EATON, of Post 3, passed the civil service examination, and last Monday became a post-office employe.

DEPARTMENT headquarters were moved to the elegant new rooms, at 1625 Arch street, Philadelphia, a week ago yesterday.

COMRADE BERNARD COLL, of Post 157, denies that Comrade Hughey Madison has left the Sixty-second Regiment and joined the Ninth Reserves.

POST 3 mustered a comrade last Monday evening. The Amusement Committee reported that the addition to the relief fund by the receipts from the "Drummer Boy" was $2,600.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER DENNISTON, who attended the Mercer meeting on Friday evening, remained at Mercer yesterday, the guest of his mother. He will stay over Sunday.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER DENNISTON will visit the new Department headquarters this week. He will leave Pittsburg on Thursday, and will be in Philadelphia on Friday and Saturday.

THE library room of Post 151 is being remodeled. The cases are being taken out and new shelves put in. When finished some new books will be added to the already valuable collection.

POST 128 will go to Boston in strong numbers in August to attend the Encampment. The famous Grand Army band will accompany the post and delight the Bostonians with its music. Comrade Thomas J. Sample was in Boston last week, making arrangements for quarters for the post.

AMY MCGOWAN, the sweet little girl who on Memorial Day unveiled the monument erected by the three Allegheny Posts, is dead. A few days after the unveiling she was taken sick with diphtheria and died week before last. She was a daughter of a veteran who preceded her in her departure from this earth.

COMRADE W. A. CAMPBELL, of Post 88, is suffering severely at his home near Homewood station, the result of a wound received at Gettysburg. He was shot in the shoulder and lung, and it is believed that the bullet is now in his lung and is causing the pain and hemorrhages. He was improved somewhat last week.

ARRANGEMENTS are under way for a joint meeting of Posts 88 and 162. The meeting will be open and the Department Commander will be present. A good programme of music and speeches will be arranged, and it is expected to be quite an occasion. A suitable hall is now being looked for. It is supposed the arrangements will be concluded shortly and the meeting held in the near future.

THE officers and Executive Committee of the Northwestern Association met at Franklin on Friday, June 13. It was resolved unanimously that the seventh annual reunion of the association be held on September 10, 1890, in case satisfactory arrangements can be made with railways for transportation. The place of meeting: to be Titusville or Franklin: choice of the two places to be made by the officers.

AT a meeting last week at Middlesboro, Ky., the Grant and Lee Monument Association was permanently organized. The Subscription Committee reported $14,100 received. At the meeting $3,000 was subscribed. The association will erect equestrian statues side by side of Generals Grant and Lee, the former looking south and the latter looking north, and with hands extended to each other in friendly grasp, signifying the blue and gray united.

A STRAWBERRY and ice cream festival will be held by Post 88, on Tuesday, at the hall in the Telephone building, corner of Sandusky and South Diamond streets, Allegheny. The comrades and their families of all the posts are cordially invited. There will likely be some music or other entertainment to make the affair more enjoyable. Comrade Hannan Gray will be presented with a silver spoon in honor of the last addition to his family. This is the usual penalty for Post 88's members who add to the population.

THE Butler Soldiers' Orphans' School passed a very good examination last Monday and Tuesday. Three of the commission were there, General J. P. S. Gobin, Judge Advocate of the Department, G. Harry Davis, of Philadelphia, and Senator Grier. Department Commander Denniston was also present. On Monday an open air meeting was held and Comrades Grier, Gobin, Denniston, Davis, Williams and others delivered addresses. The members of the commission went from Butler to the Jumonville school at Uniontown.

THE officers of Corps No. 60 W. R. C. were installed last Tuesday at the Park Avenue M. E. Church, Mrs. Abbie Lynch, National Secretary, being the installing officer. The corps is auxiliary to Post 117, which was present in a body. The officers installed are: President, Mrs. May J. Chadwick; Senior Vice President, Emma Taylor; Junior Vice President, Emma Ruch; Secretary, S. P. Hawkins; Treasurer, Anna M. Irwin; Chaplain, Ellen Murdock; Conductor, Callie Leech; Guard, M. J. Lloyd; Assistant Conductor, M. C. McNulty; Guard, Annie C. Born.

Sons of Veterans.

CAMP 162 has discontinued the drills owing to the warm weather until the first Wednesday in September.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY No. 21 sent three of its members to the State convention of the Ladies' Aid Societies.

AT the last meeting of Lieutenant Lysle Camp No. 2, of Allegheny, the camp decided to adopt the infantry branch of the service.

THE officers elected at the State convention last week are all gentlemen of ability and hard workers in the interest of the Sons of Veterans.

MAJOR SAMUEL HARPER CAMP, No. 162, expects to have attached to it one of the finest Ladies' Aid Societies in the city, very shortly.

AT the last meeting of Major Samuel Harper Camp No. 162, the members decided to attend the next State encampment, to be held at Du Bois, in a body.

To put it mildly, Sergeant Byerly, of Davis Camp, looks very cute in his new uniform. The Sergeant is about 4 feet 6 inches tall, and the uniform fits perfectly.

CAMP 2, of Allegheny, has received new uniforms. They are very becoming to the boys and add greatly to their appearance. Much credit is due to Past Captain Dan Brosi for bringing about this improvement.

DAVIS CAMP will give a musical and dramatic entertainment in the near future. Some very good talent has been secured, and if hard work on the part of the members counts for anything, the entertainment will be a success.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY No. 22, of the Southside, have sent out invitations for a picnic to be given in the near future at some delightful grove out the Castle Shannon road. Those contemplating going are looking forward with pleasure.

MISS CROOKS, Miss Dutton and another sister were the representatives from Ladies' Aid No. 21, of this city, to the convention at Wilkesbarre of the Ladies' Aid Societies. They seemed to be much surprised with the coolness of Wilkesbarre.

THE Pittsburg and Allegheny camps have adopted the following arms of service: Star Camp, engineer corps; Camp 2, infantry; Camp 4, infantry; Camp 33, cavalry; Major Samuel Harper Camp 162, artillery, the latter having equipments for 50 men.

It was clearly demonstrated at the Wilkesbarre convention that Pittsburg could have had the next encampment—simply for the asking, but as the city authorities were not instructed to ask for it, it went to Du Bois, which place was heartily agreed too.

BROTHER HARKNESS, of camp 169, Wilkesbarre, after whose father camp 169 is named, paid a fraternal visit to a number of the camps in the two cities last week. Brother Harkness is an earnest worker in the order and may attach himself to one of the local camps.

DAVIS CAMP has had for several years a claim against the Division Encampment for a considerable amount of money. A committee was appointed at the Division Encampment last week to investigate the bill, and it is thought that it will be paid within a short time.

THE Pittsburg and Allegheny camps were well represented at the convention by the following well-known members: Camp 2, by Past Captain Datt; Camp 33, by Lieutenant Colonel Herman Rebbile; Star Camp, by Captain Davis and Sergeant Byrlie; Camp 4, by Past Captain Voigt, Sergeant Powell and another brother of the camp.

CAPTAIN EMIL POERSTEL and Senior First Lieutenant L. H. R. Foulk, of Major Samuel Harper Camp 162, returned Sunday last from Wilkesbarre, where they had been in attendance at the tenth annual convention of the Pennsylvania Division. They report the convention as having been the most interesting and successful yet held by this division.

THE officers of Major Samuel Harper Camp, 162, are anxious to increase the membership to at least 150, and to 200, if possible, during the present year. Persons eligible and not now members of the order desiring to join should address Captain Emil Poerstel, 413 Fifth avenue. The camp meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Post 3 Hall, 89 Fourth avenue.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

All communications for this department should be mailed to reach THE DISPATCH not later than Saturday morning. Reasonable space will be freely given to all organizations classified under this heading.

C. M. B. A.

Deputy F. J. Brady visited Johnstown last week in the interest of the association.

Branch 78, East End, are now comfortably located in McNulty Hall, Center avenue.

Branch No. 90 has been instituted in Freeport. Armstrong county, by Grand Deputy J. W. Sullivan.

Deputy Keefer is organizing a branch in the Bohemian parish in Allegheny City and another at Bennett station.

Next Sunday a meeting will be held at Washington, Pa., to organize a branch. It will be addressed by the Grand Deputy and others.

Deputy C. P. Keefer has 25 names signed to an application for a charter in the upper part of Allegheny City, in Rev. Father Bede's parish.

H. W. Dease, editor of the C. M. B. A. monthly, has decided to permanently locate in this city. His paper will hereafter be published in Lawrenceville.

The Advisory Council of the C. M. B. A. is busy arranging to entertain the C. M. B. A. visitors next September. There will be delegates present from 95 branches in this State, quite a contrast to the meeting held in Corry four years ago, when branch 34, of the East End, was the youngest branch in the association. From 34 branches to 95 branches is a remarkable gain for so short a time.

The annual reunion of the branches of Allegheny county will be held on Monday, August 25, at Rock Point. This annual treat is given by the association to their members and their friends to enjoy a day in the woods. No admission is charged. Every member should see that his friends are provided with an invitation which can be had on application to the secretaries of each branch, or to any of the following committee which has charge of the reunion: M. J. Maxwell, M. L. Howe, G. L. Hagar, M. J. McMahon, P. H. Dugan, H. J. Keane.

Select Knights.

Comrade Ed Wilt, of No. 1, will be found among the hustlers at the Grand Legion in August.

Colonel Lewis has received an invitation for the First Regiment to visit Evans City and take part in the celebration on July 4.

The social session of the First Regiment has begun to show good results already, judging by the number of applications for membership.

Adjutant Jos. R. Eaton has been appointed to an important clerkship in the Pittsburg postoffice. He passed the civil service examination creditably.

Colonel Charles V. Lewis has been unanimously elected to represent Pittsburg Legion No. 1 at the next session of Grand Legion, at Dubois in August.

A regular meeting of the officers of the First Regiment will be held next Wednesday evening at the Central Hotel. Every officer of the regiment should attend.

All comrades of the First Regiment are cordially invited to attend the picnic to be given by Banner Legion No. 2, of Youngstown, O., at Rock Point on Monday, June 23.

All who intend participating in the picnic and concert of Select Knights Band at Hammel's Garden, Mt. Oliver, Saturday, June 28, will meet at the Central Hotel upon that date at 7:30 P. M. in fatigue uniform without swords.

The sentiment throughout this jurisdiction seems to be in favor of reorganization of the Select Knights of Pennsylvania and separation from the supreme grand body, establishing the order upon a safe and independent basis. It is also proposed to separate from the Ancient Order of United Workmen, also.

The Golden Eagle.

Captain James Hamilton spent last week in Chicago with the Jr. O. U. A. M.

Manchester Castle No. 212 conferred the third degree on several candidates last Thursday evening.

Lorena Castle No. 131 is still experiencing a boom in the way of receiving propositions.

New castles will be instituted during the next 30 days in Pittsburg, Allegheny, New Castle and Woods' Run, with probabilities of others in adjoining towns.

The castles which have not sent any report yet to Grand Chief Davis Casselberry are requested to do so at once, so that the disposal of the prize flag can be attended to at once.

Grand Chief Davis Casselberry has issued a circular to the Castles and Commanderies, requesting them to prepare to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the introduction of the Knights of the Golden Eagle into Pennsylvania, on October 1.

A picnic has been suggested, to take place some time in the latter part of August, all members of the order to go together to some place of note. D. G. C. Dr. E. T. White suggests Ohio Pyle Falls. If this favorite resort was to be selected, the Uniontown, Connellsville, Dawson and Scottdale Castles could join.

District Grand Chiefs Dr. E. T. White and Coroner McDowell, accompanied by Chas. Louis and quartet, attended the exposition and entertainment at New Brighton last Friday evening, held under the auspices of the New Brighton Castle. The proceeds are for furnishing a new commandery. The entertainment will continue another week.

National Union.

Electric Council 135 will meet Monday evening, corner Market and Water streets, for new business and initiation.

Allegheny Council 228, initiated two candidates at its last meeting and will initiate two others next meeting. Allegheny Council has now a membership of 100.

Park Council 85 meets Wednesday evening. President Bishop and Vice President Thoma have something interesting to offer in the way of new initiations, and would be pleased to have all National Union members call.

Duquesne Council 346—Harry I. McClelland, President, wishes all members of sister councils to know they meet Friday evening next, in Grand Army Hall, West Diamond street, Allegheny, where they will be made welcome.

The Senate of the National Union was in session the past three days in Washington, D. C. The interests of the Pittsburg and Allegheny councils were represented by Senator George H. Higgins. Their reports show the National Union to be increasing in membership and in councils, there being now 410 councils with a membership of 24,000. The death assessments for the past year were 13

Knights of Pythias.

Brother Clifford J. Ellis, Master at Arms of of Mineral Lodge No. 89, K. of P., at Johnstown, Pa., left on Wednesday afternoon to assume his old position for the Cambria Iron Company, at Chicago. Brother Ellis is very popular.

The members of Mozart Lodge 189, K. of P., are making extensive preparations for an open installation of officers at Maltby Hall, No. 76 Fifth avenue, Tuesday evening, June 24. Vocal and instrumental music will be the leading features of the evening. Visitors will be cordially treated.

The New Amplified Team of Mineral Lodge No. 89, K. of P., at Johnstown, Pa., conferred the rank on a candidate at its last regular meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, Main street. This was the first appearance of the team in its new outfit since the great flood, in which the amplified paraphernalia was lost, and the manner in which the team conferred the degree was very impressive and entertaining to the 100 members of the order present on the occasion.

On Monday evening last there was a large gathering at Johnstown Lodge No. 157. The occasion was the official visit of Grand Chancellor Samuel Hilliard. The ceremonies consisted of the conferring of the Esquire Rank by the Grand Chancellor, which was done in a most impressive manner. An exemplification of the unwritten work followed, and then the Grand Lodge degree was conferred upon a number of past chancellors. A banquet, at which 200 knights partook, concluded the convocation. In all in response to toasts, speeches were made by Grand Chancellor Hilliard and Past Supreme Chancellor John P. Linton.

The Heptasophs.

West End Conclave No. 77 has five applications pending.

Brother G. W. Benedict is about organizing a large charter conclave at Scranton.

The Supreme Treasurer has individually put in ten members in his conclave so far.

McKeesport and Rising Sun Conclaves will soon put up a large building for the benefit of the Conclaves.

M. G. Cohen, the Treasurer of the General Committee, has returned home from an extended Western trip and has organized the Finance Committee.

The Allegheny county conclaves with but few exceptions will appear in the July roll of honor column. The few not named feel a little lonely. The Archons do not desire to see this.

The Supreme Archon has ordered a new election for District Supreme Representative at Connellsville, for Monday, July 12, at 8 P. M. Brothers Will and Trent will attend and visit Yough Conclave at its meeting the same evening.

B. P. O. Elks.

Youngstown Lodge No. 65 hopes to win the prize banner valued at $300.

Brother Dr. J. P. McCord will be installed this evening as Exalted Ruler of Pittsburg Lodge No. 11.

Brother Curtis, of Philadelphia lodge, will be in Pittsburg July 6 on his way to Cleveland to attend the reunion.

The following are the officers of the Elks Club No. 11: Chairman, W. W. McClelland; Secretary, W. G. Lee; Treasurer, L. G. Willey.

The Grand Lodge, B. P. O. E., will meet in Case Hall, Cleveland, July 7-12. The meeting will be the occasion for a general reunion of the order. The Cleveland Elks are making elaborate preparations. At the banquet ladies will be invited. Governor Campbell will reply to the toast of the Ohio Elks. Pittsburg Lodge No. 11 will go to Cleveland in a special train. McKeesport lodge, the body lodge, will be well represented.

Pittsburg is growing, regardless of the census. Fifty-eight permits were taken out last week for 86 buildings. With a fair chance the rest of the year the record of 1889 will be badly broken.

As a business house on a prominent corner, in the neighborhood of the new postoffice, will probably change owners this week. The price named approximates $120,000.

A movement of some kind is expected on Grant street, above Fifth, before long. Dickering for several properties there has been going on for a month or more, and the parties are said to be very close together. A leader is all that is needed to infuse new life into that part of the city.

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Movements in Real Estate.

There was the usual gossip during the week of large deals in and about the city. A Philadelphia capitalist was said to be anxious to invest a large sum in unimproved property in the vicinity of Homewood. One or two more farms at Parnassus changed hands and it is understood a local glass manufacturer selected a site there for a large plant. A gentleman from Cincinnati came to the city on Friday to make an investment and his broker says he succeeded, but nothing further could be learned. It is thought he secured a business property on lower Penn avenue and will occupy it.

Rumors are not business, but, to quote Longfellow, they resemble it "as the mist resembles the rain." They are straws and possess a certain value to the investors.

Anderson & Beeckman, Lim., sold for J. H. Thompson a lot 25x120 on the east side of Lytle street, Twenty-third ward, to William Collins for $600.

Black & Baird sold for John Mackin a large brick factory building, with lot 104x210, on River avenue, corner McFadden street, Allegheny, extending from the West Penn Railroad to the Pittsburg and Western Railroad, with sidings, to J. J. Howley for $15,000.

Reed B. Coyle & Co. sold for R. S. Hays to Anton Spoerlin 44 feet on Trent street by 115 feet to Wooster street, Eleventh ward, city, for $2,550 cash.

Samuel W. Black & Co. sold a lot 50x184 feet on the east side of Dithridge street, Fourteenth ward, in the Comingo plan of lots, for $3,000.

Brown & Saint sold to M. C. Brush lot No. 497 in Villa park plan, at Brushton, 40x150 feet, on the west side of Blackadore avenue, for $450.

Alles & Bailey sold for Martin Briggs, of New Orleans, La., two lots, Nos. 106 and 107, in the Homestead Bank and Life Insurance Company plan of lots in North Homestead, 116 feet on Bank street by 120 feet to Walnut alley, for $550 cash.

Charles Somers & Co. sold to Charles Geiss three lots at Morningside station, A. V. R. R., together fronting 122 feet on Chislett avenue, and in depth 171 feet to a point, for $1,250; also, for William Turner four lots in Marion place plan, fronting on Sylvan avenue, each 20x125 to alley, for the price of $1,200.

HOME SECURITIES.

Very Little Business Doing and No Material Changes in Values.

Sales on call yesterday were 130 shares. The only stocks traded in were Central Traction and Wheeling Gas. The former was strong and the latter weak. Everything else was stagnant and featureless, indicating that the summer lull is in full force.

Brokers are hopeful of an improvement after the July settlements, but they are not banking on it to any great extent. So much money is being diverted to other channels that very little of it seems available for speculation.

EXCHANGE STOCK.

	Bid.	Asked.
Pitts. Pet., Stock & Metal Ex.	415	....

BANK STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Arsenal	65	....
Allegheny National Bank	65	....
Bank of Pittsburg	79	....
Commercial National Bank	105	....
Citizens' National Bank	65	....
City Savings	65	....
City Deposit	57	....
Duquesne National Bank	171	....
Exchange National Bank	83	....
Farmers' Deposit National Bank	500	....
First National Bank, Pittsburg	173	....
Fourth National Bank	130	135¼
Fort Pitt National Bank	140	....
Freehold	65	....
Fidelity Title and Trust Company	....	150
First Nat. Bank, Birmingham	276	....
German National Bank	325	....
Iron City National Bank	92	....
Keystone Bank of Pittsburg	71¼	....
Mafia The National Bank	103	....
Masonic Bank	65	....
Merchants & Manufacturers' Na. Bank	70	....
Mechanics' National Bank	118	....
Metropolitan National Bank	108	....
Odd Fellows' Savings Bank	70	75
Pittsburg Nat. Bank of Commerce	250	....
Pittsburg Bank for Savings	250	....
People's National Bank	178	....
Third National Bank	178	....
Tradesmen's National Bank	225	....

INSURANCE STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Boatman's	....	83¼
Ben Franklin	....	50

GAS STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Allegheny Gas Co. (Illum.)	35	....
Pittsburg Gas Co. (Illum.)	75	....

NATURAL GAS STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Allegheny Heating Co.	108	....
Bridgewater	56	....
Manufacturers' Gas Co.	15	....
People's Nat. Gas and Pipeage Co.	15¾	16¼
Philadelphia Co.	30¾	31
Wheeling Gas Co.	19	20

OIL COMPANY STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Columbia Oil Co.	2	....
Washington Oil Co.	90	....

PASSENGER RAILWAY STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Central Traction	28¾	29
Citizens' Traction	68¼	69
Pleasant Valley	29	29¾

RAILROAD STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Pitts., McK. & Yough. R. R. Co.	62	....
Pitts., Cinn. & St. Louis	25	....
Pitts. & Western R. R. Co.	13¾	14¾

COAL STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
N. Y. & Cleveland Gas Coal Co.	31¼	....

BRIDGE STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Point	8	....
Suspension Bridge Co. (Sixth st.)	95	100

MINING STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
La Noria Mining Co.	18	20
Lester Mining Co.	16¾	17¾
Yankee Girl Mining Co.	2	3

ELECTRIC LIGHT STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
East End	60	....
Westinghouse Electric	88¾	89¼

MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Monongahela Water Co.	30	31
Union Storage Co.	....	62
Union Switch and Signal Co.	14¾	15
Union Switch and Signal Co., pfd.	....	45
Westinghouse Air Brake Co.	119	120¼
Westinghouse Brake Co., Lim.	64	....

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 135,161 shares, including: Atchison, 6,894; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 2,342; Louisville and Nashville, 3,025; Missouri Pacific, 3,425; Oregon Transcontinental, 4,325; Reading, 2,705; St. Paul, 6,665.

WHY WE SMILE.

Figures That Make a Good Showing for the Census Year.

There was a good money market yesterday, discounting being active and depositing and checking about up to the spring mark. Rates were steady at 6@7 per cent, with most of the business at the inside figure.

Instead of business showing an inclination to halt, it is going ahead with accelerated speed. All previous summer records are already broken. The bank exchanges last week were over $4,000,000 larger than those for the corresponding time last year. The gain of 1890 over 1889, to date, is nearly $66,000,000. The Clearing House report is appended:

Yesterday's exchanges	$ 2,417,580 39
Yesterday's balances	461,573 58
Week's exchanges	15,546,062 71
Week's balances	2,336,766 46
Previous week's exchanges	11,798,104 51
Exchanges week of 1889	11,382,375 16
Total exchanges to date, 1890	369,809,253 45
Total exchanges to date, 1889	306,013,338 66
Gain, 1890 over 1889, to date	63,795,914 79

There was a saving clause in the old weather almanacs to the effect that all signs failed in dry weather. So it must be that under the cloudless skies of commercial prosperity that have so far marked this year the financial weather signs have failed, for the usual June showers that overflow the bank vaults and bring with them low interest rates have not come. It is not lack of money that is keeping rates up almost to winter pitch. It is rather the uncrumpled demand which the great activity in all lines of industry has occasioned.

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy, with no loans, closed offered at 4. Prime mercantile paper, 5½@7. Sterling exchange quiet but steady at $4 85 for 60-day bills and $4 87½ for demand.

The weekly statement of the New York banks, issued yesterday, shows the following changes: Reserve, decrease, $842,975; loans, increase, $403,700; specie, decrease, $839,100; legal tenders, decrease, $246,800; deposits, decrease, $993,700; circulation, increase, $26,100. The banks now hold $6,144,925 in excess of the 25 per cent rule.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s, reg.	121½	M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	74
U. S. 4s, coup.	122½	Mutual Union 6s	101⅝
U. S. 4½s, reg.	109	N. J. C. Int. Cert.	113¾
U. S. 4½s, coup.	109	Northern Pac. 1sts	117⅝
Pacific 6s of '95	113	Northern Pac. 2ds	112⅝
Louisiana stamped 4s	94	Northw'n consols	141⅝
Missouri 6s	101	Northw'n deben's 5s	108
Tenn. new set. 6s	108	Oregon & Trans. 6s	105¾
Tenn. new set. 5s	103	St L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	85¾
Tenn. new set. 3s	75¾	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	117
Canada So. 2ds	99¾	St. Paul consols	128¼
Central Pacific 1sts	111½	St. P. Chi & Pc. 1sts	117
Den. & R. G. 1sts	118	Tex. & L. G. Tr. Rs.	92¼
Den. & R. G. 4s	84	Tx., Pc. R G. Tr. Rs.	41¾
D. & R. G. West 1sts	—	Union Pacific 1sts	112¾
Erie 2ds	103½	West Shore	106½
St. L. & T. Gen. 6s	86		

NEW YORK—Clearings, $131,883,212; balances, $5,290,495. For the week—Clearings, $689,882,848; balances, $34,577,815.

BOSTON—Clearings, $19,438,793; balances, $1,883,783. For the week—Clearings, $96,787,880; balances, $9,442,222. For the same week last year—Clearings, $97,708,862; balances, $11,631,485.

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings, $12,722,378; balances, $1,912,220. For the week—Clearings, $74,117,971; balances, $11,272,405.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $2,684,315; balances, $341,326.

CHICAGO—The week's business at the banks was again quite large. Clearings aggregate $85,168,469, against $64,467,143 for the corresponding week last year. The clearings for the day were $14,995,000. Rates for money were firm at 5¼@6 per cent on call and 6@7 per cent on time.

THE WEEK IN OIL.

Hope Long Deferred Makes Brokers Very Weary—Fluctuations and Clearances.

Business in oil yesterday was extremely narrow, both in trading and prices. There were no fluctuations. The opening, highest, lowest and closing price was 90. This is of such rare occurrence that it attracted attenton. There was no news to affect values, no orders and no disposition among the traders to speculate. Nothing was done until about 11 o'clock, and after that time only about 5,000 barrels changed hands. It was one of the dullest weeks yet experienced in the business, and without the consolation of something better ahead. Fluctuations for each of the six days were:

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Monday	91⅝	91¾	90¾	90¾
Tuesday	90¾	90¾	90	90
Wednesday	90⅛	90⅛	90⅛	90⅛
Thursday	90⅝	90⅝	90⅛	90⅞
Friday	91¾	91¾	89¾	89⅞
Saturday	90	90	90	90

Clearances for the day and week are shown in the following table:

	Barrels.
Monday	120,000
Tuesday	44,000
Wednesday	112,000
Thursday	114,000
Friday	92,000
Saturday	164,000
Total clearances	644,000
Previous week	646,000

Other Oil Markets.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Petroleum opened firm at ¼c advance. The market after the opening became very dull and remained so until the close. New York Stock Exchange—Opening, 89¾c; highest, 89¾c; lowest, 89¾c; closing, 89¾c. Consolidated Exchange—Opening, 90c; highest, 90c; lowest, 89¾c; closing, 89¾c. Total sales, 43,000 barrels.

OIL CITY, June 21.—Petroleum opened at 89¾c; highest, 89¾c; lowest, 89¾c; closed, 89¾c. Sales, 214,000 barrels; clearances, not reported; charters, not reported; shipments, 64,109 barrels; runs, 73,869 barrels.

BRADFORD, June 21.—Petroleum opened at 89¾c; closed, 89¾c; highest, 89¾c; lowest, 89¾c. Clearances, 544,000 barrels.

Features of Yesterday's Oil Market.

Corrected daily by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members of the Pittsburg Petroleum Exchange:

Opened	.90	Lowest	.90
Highest	.90	Closed	.90

	Barrels.
Average charters	28,549
Average shipments	79,271
Average runs	66,645

Refined, New York, 7.30c.
Refined, London, 5¾d.
Refined, Antwerp, 17¼f.
Refined, Liverpool, 5 11-16d.
Refined, Bremen, 6.65m.

A. B. McGrew quotes: Puts, 89¾; calls, 90⅝.

HOMES FOR THE PEOPLE.

Another Good Week in the Building Trades—Nineteenth Ward Leads.

Last week was one of the best of the year in the building trades. The number of permits taken out was 58, representing 86 houses, of which 44 were frame, 40 brick, one iron-clad and one stone. The cost of these improvements is figured at $186,981. The Nineteenth ward leads with 12, the Eleventh ward having 11.

The number of permits taken out the previous week was 51, representing 61 buildings, 43 being frame and 18 brick. The estimated cost was $108,925. So far this year 1,208 permits have been issued, against 1,455 for the same time in 1889, showing a decrease of 247, but the number of buildings is greater, as more blocks of houses have been constructed.

W. R. Griffith, frame one-story dwelling, 16x28 feet, on Ridge street, Thirteenth ward.

William Linderman, frame two-story dwelling, 32x27 feet, on Adelaide street, Thirteenth ward.

H. H. Francis, frame two-story dwelling, 32x27 feet, on Adelaide street, Thirteenth ward.

O'Neill, Rook & Imhoff, seven brick two-story and mansard dwellings, 20x58 feet each, on Boquet street, Fourteenth ward. Cost, $35,000.

John Ritzman, frame addition one-story kitchen, 12x16 feet, on Forbes street, Fourteenth ward.

Robert Nicholson, frame two-story dwelling, 17x32 feet, on McCandless street, Eighteenth ward.

John Ward, frame addition, two-story store, 24x20 feet, on Butler street, Eighteenth ward.

John J. Sommerholder, frame two-story dwelling, 16x32 feet, on Bridgehill street, Nineteenth ward.

Calvin King, brick addition two-story dwelling, 24x33 feet, on Neville street, Twentieth ward. Cost, $7,000.

Michael Joyce, two frame two-story and attic dwellings, 20x32 feet each, on Acorn street, Twenty-third ward.

Keystone Brewing Company, frame one-story water works, 17x36 feet, on Carson street, Twenty-fourth ward.

Adam Hick, frame two-story dwelling, 16x32 feet, on Monastery avenue, Twenty-seventh ward.

Thomas Curran, frame two-story dwelling, 17x24 feet, on Mingo street, Thirteenth ward.

Phillip Christman, frame two-story dwelling, 21x33 feet, on Brereton avenue, Thirteenth ward.

Felix McKnight, frame two-story mansard dwelling, 26x60 feet, on Second avenue, Fourteenth ward.

George Lettere, frame two-story dwelling, 17x34 feet, on Ella street, Sixteenth ward.

Charles Hilger, brick addition two-story kitchen, 17x37 feet, on Main street, Seventeenth ward.

W. L. Mellon, frame two-story dwelling, 24x35 feet, on Mellon street, Nineteenth ward.

W. L. Mellon, frame two-story dwelling, 23x35 feet, on Mellon street, Nineteenth ward.

W. L. Mellon, frame two-story dwelling, 20x37 feet, on Mellon street, Nineteenth ward.

W. L. Mellon, frame two-story dwelling, 18x37 feet, on Mellon street, Nineteenth ward.

D. G. Ross, brick three-story bank building, 20x90 feet, on Penn avenue, Nineteenth ward. Cost, $10,000.

S. Wainwright, stone two-story dwelling, 45x55 feet, on Highland avenue, Nineteenth ward. Cost, $18,000.

Patrick Harkins, brick two-story and mansard dwelling, 20x30 feet, on Vickroy street, Sixth ward.

T. Griffin, brick two-story and mansard dwelling, 21x28 feet, on Lombard street, Eleventh ward.

Mrs. Frank Hill, frame addition one-story dwelling, 15x32 feet, on Colwell street, Thirteenth ward.

W. Vogel, frame two-story dwelling, 16x16 feet, on Grieson street, Thirteenth ward.

J. E. Irving, frame two-story dwelling, 18x18 feet, on Vera street, Thirteenth ward.

Otto Bienengraeber, frame one-story kitchen, 14x14 feet, on Carnegie avenue, Eighteenth ward.

St. Paul's R. C. Orphan Asylum, brick one-story boiler house, 36x13 feet, on Tannehill street, Eighth ward.

Mrs. M. Sarricks, three brick two-story dwellings, 13x30 feet each, on Carnegie avenue, Eighteenth ward.

John Stehlitz, brick addition, two-story dwelling, 16x16 feet, on Morningside road, Eighteenth ward.